

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 227

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the community service of Lupo T. Carlota, M.D. Dip. Ac.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as medical pioneers and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such citizen is Lupo T. Carlota, M.D. Dip. Ac., an esteemed resident of Lakeland, who distinguished himself as an excellent physician, scientist, educator, and altruist in both this country and in his homeland of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, born on September 5, 1936, in the Philippines, Dr. Carlota graduated with highest honors as a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines, in 1960; he completed a rotating internship at Marymount Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1966; and he completed a psychiatry residency at Warren State Hospital in Warren, Pennsylvania, in 1980; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his sterling career, Dr. Carlota has practiced family medicine and psychiatry; however, his highest esteem comes as a leading pioneer of modern scientific acupuncture. He has made world-class contributions in that field that have elevated the study and practice of acupuncture to a scientific level; and

WHEREAS, he has advanced his "Quantum Theory of Acupuncture" internationally, having presented the tenets thereof in major medical centers on mainland China and the Philippines. In 1993, he was presented his homeland's highest honor, the Pamana Ng Pilipino (Legacy of the Filipino Nation) Award, for his outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of medicine, particularly his pioneering efforts in modern scientific research; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlota was the president and founder in 1974 of MARIA (Medical Acupuncture Research Institute of America, Inc.) based in Memphis, where he practices Meridian Regulatory Acupuncture (MRA), the federally registered and trademarked scientifically-based system of acupuncture that he developed; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his medical practice, Dr. Carlota served as the vice mayor of the City of Lakeland and as a member of that municipality's board of commissioners. In November of 1993, Governor Ned McWherter conferred upon him Tennessee's Outstanding Achievement Award "in recognition of services performed so as to preserve and enhance the tradition of Tennessee excellence which is the pride of our people"; and

WHEREAS, in the face of natural disasters that struck the Philippines in the early 1990s, Dr. Carlota served as the overall chairman of three medical missions in which he provided treatment and relief for victims of the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo and Typhoon Uring that followed within days and killed more than 10,000 people, and for the provision of medical care for poor, indigent patients throughout that nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlota has held several high-level advisory positions in the United States; he was a member of the National Advisory Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine of the National Institutes of Health and the President's Advisory Committee on Aging; and he served as a White House Commissioner in the Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and as Chairman of that body's Health Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, it is the honor of this General Assembly to pause and consider the manifold contributions that Dr. Lupo T. Carlota has made to the world in the field of scientifically-informed acupuncture and the provision of family practice medicine and psychiatry, especially in the wake of natural disasters and human need; and

WHEREAS, he is a man of intelligence and integrity, and he has applied the gravity of both to his practice of medicine, his scientific inquiry, and his quest to be of meaningful service to his fellow man, and it is fitting that he be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and commend Dr. Lupo T. Carlota, M.D. Dip. Ac., for his outstanding medical career, his advancements in the field of acupuncture, and for his service to Tennesseans and to his fellow Filipinos. We extend our best wishes to him for happiness and success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.